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## RESPONSE

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This is responsive to the outstanding Office Action mailed Aug 31, 1999, and identified as paper number 13. Reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully solicited in view of the following amendments and remarks.

## AMENDMENTS

Please add the following new claims:

18. (New; independent)

A device for removing gas from gas containing blood, the device comprising:

a) a non-rotating cyclone eddy chamber having an inlet thereto and an outlet therefrom, said chamber being shaped for passing gas-containing blood in the form of a cyclone eddy current for producing a centrifugal force that separates the blood into a